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To: []
From: []

I attach a letter from Abaz Kupi and Co. and would be grateful if you would transmit it to Dosti. I gather that the letter asks for the views of Dosti and Kotta on the proposal for setting up a welfare office in Athens and a camp for the reception of Albanian refugees.

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Rome, 27 July 1950

Messrs. Hasan Dosti and Nuci Kotta

Dear Comrades,

On 8 July 1950 we had a meeting with the outsiders [or "foreigners" or "emigrants"] and we discussed setting up branches of the Committee in different countries. The purpose: contacts with the country's authorities and assistance for the Albanians, a center for the Albanians as well as a source of intelligence for the affairs of the Committee. The first office will be in Greece. Our friends are discussing the opening of this office with the Greek authorities, and they are attempting to secure a guarantee that there will be no obstacle. As soon as the guarantee is received, the agency will be made up of three elements, one from each party.

One of the chief tasks will be the establishment of a camp between Athens and the Greek-Albanian border, which will be used to shelter all the Albanians who go to Greece. Our friends are discussing an understanding with the Greeks that all the Albanians in Greece may enter the Committee's camp. Our friends have their own officers, and these in cooperation with the authorized Albanians will consolidate the support of our friends toward the outsiders and the Albanians. ~~representant~~. Our friends by means of their positions in Greece can exert the necessary pressure, and they assure us that they will use all the means within their power to convince them. They added that they are using pressure for the issuance of a declaration on the question of Epirus, or at least to stop the allusions to Northern Epirus. They asked for personnel for the office and the camp in Greece. They emphasized that persons ought to be specified for the different services for the camp and the office.

The committee in this meeting asked to study this proposal, as it has particular importance.

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In the meeting of the Committee with the outsiders on 19 July, they mentioned the importance of the office in Greece and specified that members of the Consultative Committee should be included in the board. In case offices are opened in other countries, other persons trusted by the Committee may be used.

The Committee in its meeting of 22 July expressed satisfaction over the establishment of the office on Greek territory with members of the Committee. The list of members will be presented the day that favorable political assurances are given by the Allies for the opening of the camp and the sending of the delegation. At the same time it was decided that we ask the opinion of our colleagues in New York.

This notification of our decision is sent to you so you may give us your opinion on this matter.

With Greetings

Abaz Kupi

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